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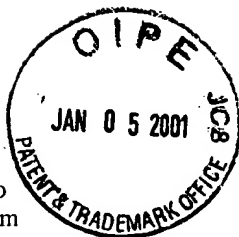
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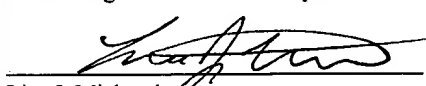
Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/670,455
Filing Date: September 26, 2000
Entitled: **THROTTLING DISTRIBUTED STATISTICAL DATA RETRIEVAL IN
A NETWORK DEVICE**
Attorney Docket No: 102689-57/ 00-U0083

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Ten (10) pages of amended informal drawings;
3. One (1) page of Specification; and
4. Return Postcard.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees which may be associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 141449.

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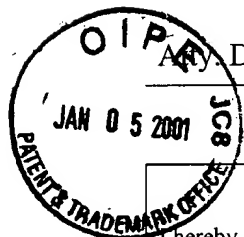
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page ~~78~~, line 16, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please ~~delete~~ "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.